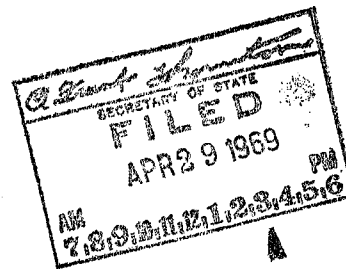


STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Columbia



EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to my satisfaction that there presently exists at Voorhees College and in an area lying within one-half (1/2) mile radius of the boundaries of the campus of Voorhees College, an institution of higher learning that is located in and near the City of Denmark, County of Bamberg, State of South Carolina, a state of emergency, and

WHEREAS, it further appears that at the aforementioned college and place there are now being committed acts of violence and threats of violence, and there is now being manifested a common disregard for law, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned disorders are of such a general nature that they constitute a danger to the persons and property of the citizens and those residing in and near Voorhees College and threaten the peace and tranquility of the State, NOW, THEREFORE,

PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, and upon a written request from the Trustees of Voorhees College, which request is dated on or about April 29, 1969, and in order to minimize the danger of life,

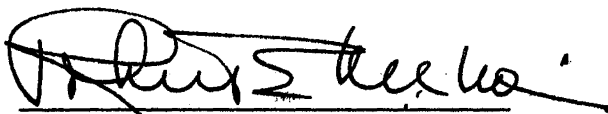
limb, and property, I do hereby authorize, order, and direct:

1. That any and all law enforcement officers of the State and its subdivisions and all other persons in authority do whatever may be necessary to maintain peace and good order within the area hereinbefore described until a state of emergency is declared by me no longer to exist;

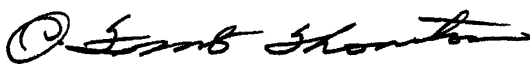
2. That upon the demand of either the Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, the President of Voorhees College, or the Sheriff of Bamberg County, to vacate any building located in and upon the campus of Voorhees College or any building within one-half (1/2) mile radius of the latter's campus boundaries any person must, within thirty (30) minutes from the giving of such order, vacate the building designated by the demand; and

3. That the Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, J. P. Strom, is hereby authorized to issue any such directive and order as he may deem necessary to implement this Order and Proclamation.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, South Carolina, this 29th day of April, 1969.


ROBERT E. McNAIR
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:


O. FRANK THORNTON
Secretary of State.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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April 28, 1969

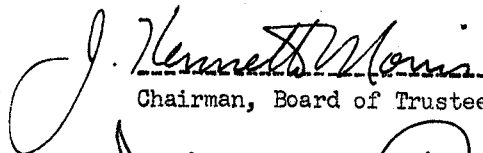
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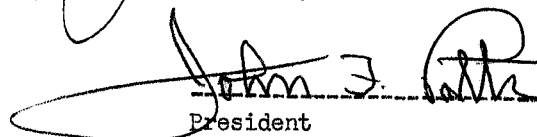
Your Excellency:

Pursuant to our conversation of this date, we are requesting your assistance. As you are aware, a group of armed dissident students and non-students have seized the Voorhees College administrative offices and library. In the interest of preventing possible bloodshed and destruction of property, assistance is requested in evicting and arresting the occupants of the administrative offices and library.

It is recognized that this problem is not a State problem but the situation is beyond our control, and the assistance of the State is necessary in regaining possession of College property.

Yours very respectfully,


Chairman, Board of Trustees


President